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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Philip H Leung

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 April 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Figures 1 and 2 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- or Conventional Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.121(d)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lee (US 6,104,016), in view of Fluhrer et al (US 5,074,281) or Liese (US 6,578,569).

Lee shows an over a range type microwave oven with a vent hood assembly controlled by a hood motor 30 and a sensor 7 with a controller 10. The sensor 7 senses heat and/or fumes within the hood duct to control the operation of the vent hood motor. It does not explicitly show that the controller determines the amount of fumes sensed by the sensor and compares the value

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with a predetermined reference to control the on-off of the motor. Fluhrer shows an apparatus 2 for exhausting pollutant in a cooking range, the apparatus comprising a sensor part (6, 7, 8) for detecting fumes and/or moisture contained in polluted air generated during a cooking process; a controller for determining whether or not amount of the fumes and/or moisture detected by the sensor part is greater than a predetermined reference value (the controller as shown in Figure 2 includes comparators 12, 13); and a fan driving part (21) operated, when the amount detected by the controller is greater than the reference value, by a driving signal from the controller and allowing air containing the pollutant to be inhaled and then removed from an interior (see Figures 1 and 2 and col. 3, line 3 – col. 4, line 48). Liese also shows a fume hood over a cooking range with a controlling 30 and fume sensor 31, 32, 33 for regulating the operation of the vent fan 22. It states that the operation of the fan depends on the values of the sensor (col. 5, line 1 – col. 6, line 7). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Lee to compare the sensor value with a predetermined reference to control the operation of the fan hood for better air exhausting effect, in view of the teaching of Fluhrer or Liese. In regard to claim 2, both Fluhrer and Liese show the sensor is located in an intake part to the hood fan. In regards to claims 4, 9, 11 and 17, both Fluhrer and Liese show the use of a filter (element 5 in Fluhrer and element 24 in Liese) for purifying the polluted air to be routine in range hoods.

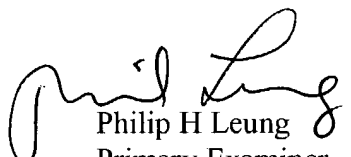
4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Woodall, III et al (US 6,142,142) and Schmitt et al (6,484,713) are further cited to show range hoods having a fume sensor with various claimed features.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Philip H Leung whose telephone number is (703) 308-1710.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robin Evans can be reached on (703) 305-5766. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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